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SUBJECT: MANPOWER COOPERATION-DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SOBER'S CALL ON IRANIAN COCHAIRMAN OF MANPOWER AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION COMMITTEE

REF: A. TEHRAN 9011 B. TEHRAN A-201

1. IN CONNECTION WITH HIS VISIT TO TEHRAN AS MEMBER OF U.S.
DEL TO USIRJC ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEET, DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER PAID COURTESY VISIT ON DEPUTY
MINISTER OF MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS(AND IRANIAN
COCHAIRMAN OF USIRJC MANPOWER AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
COMMITTEE) FEREIDUN NASSERI.

2. MR SOBER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MANPOWER COOPERATION WOULD
PROCEED SMOOTHLY AND STRESSED U.S. READINESS TO RESPOND TO
IRANIAN NEEDS TO BEST OUR ABILITY. AT SAME TIME MR. SOBER
SUGGESTED THAT IRANIAN BUDGETARY PLANNING TAKE ACCOUNT OF
PLANNED ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY IN NEXT IRANIAN FISCAL
YEAR. NASSERI RESPONDED THAT HE WAS PLEASED AT PROGRESS TO
DATE AND THAT COOPERATION ON SOLID FOOTING. HE MENTIONED
THAT HE HAD BRIEFED USDELDEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY SEGALL
ON REALITIES OF THE BUDGETARYPROCESS HERE AND THAT
WITH CABINET CHANGES OUT OF WAY, HE EXPECTED HIS
MINISTRY WOULD BE IN BETTER POSITION TO ASSERT ITS
CLAIM ON FUNDS TO CARRY OUT ITS IMPORTANT TASKS.
NASSERI AVERRED THAT 1355 BUDGET PICTURE WOULD BE
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3. COMMENT: NASSERI, WHO IS INCLINED TO BE FRANK,
PROJECTED OPTIMISM AT THIS MEETING. MR. SOBER'S CALL
WAS USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO REINFORCE U.S. POSTURE OF
COOPERATION AND ALSO TO REMIND IRANIAN SIDE OF NECES-
SITY OF LOOKING AHEAD TO UPCOMING COSTS FOR REIMBURSABLE
ASSISTANCE.
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